

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 9 has been amended and new claims 13-22 have been added to further clarify the concepts of the present invention. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked Up Version of Amendments to Claims

IN THE CLAIMS:

9. (Amended) An image forming method comprising:

a step of forming ~~a toner~~ an image on a medium by using a developer comprising a toner in which the ratio of the component of the toner measured by gel permeation chromatography to have molecular weight of 500 to 1000 is less than 10 parts by weight with respect to the 100 parts by weight of the entire toner; and

a step of performing flash fixation of the toner on said medium.

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